

HCRI Schools Writing Competition 2021/22

Terms and Conditions (“Rules”)

General

1. The HCRI Schools Writing Competition 2021/22 “Words For Your World”, (the “Competition”) is organised by The University of Manchester (“UoM”) of Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. The University is an exempt charity (Royal Charter Number XRC000797).
2. The Competition is open to UK school pupils in Years 9-13 as at 15 November 2021.
3. The Competition will run from 9:00am on 15 November 2021 and the deadline for entries is midnight (UK time) on **Friday, 22 April 2022 (Earth Day)**. Entries received after this deadline will not be considered for the Competition. Entrants are advised not to leave submission until the last minute in case of technical difficulties.
4. One submission will be accepted per person. In the event that multiple entries are submitted from the same person, only the first entry will be judged.
5. The Competition is free to enter.
6. Entries will be accepted via the online entry form:
https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_8eNr704N1NYkDEa
7. Entrants under 18 years of age must get consent from their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before entering the Competition. By entering the competition the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of entrants under 18 years old agree to these Terms and Conditions on behalf of the entrant.
8. In entering the Competition, entrants confirm that they are eligible to do so and eligible to claim the prize. The University may require entrants to provide proof that they are eligible to enter the Competition.
9. All essays submitted must be in the form of either a letter or a speech addressed to the [UNFCCC secretariat](#) (UN Climate Change) which is the United Nations entity tasked with supporting the global response to the threat of climate change. UNFCCC stands for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the current Executive Secretary is [Patricia Espinosa](#). The letter or speech should express the student’s hopes, ambitions, or expectations for the secretariat, on any issue related to climate change.
10. The entries should not exceed 500 words, excluding the customary salutations of the letter form.
11. The letter or speech must be the entrant's own original writing. Essays may be adapted from coursework or ongoing research projects that students are engaged in, but must conform to all the stipulations set out by the judging panel.
12. All entries must be typed or word-processed and written in English.
13. All entries will be assigned an ID number and made anonymous upon receipt. Judges will not be privy to entrants’ names or schools during the judging processes. Names will be reattributed to entries only after the short list and winners have been decided.
14. Amendments, corrections, and substitutions cannot be made to entries after they have been submitted. No correspondence or discussion about amendments, corrections or substitutions, will be entered into.
15. By entering the Competition, the entrant understands and agrees that they are bound by the Rules. UoM reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the entrant has breached any of these Rules.

16. UoM will only process your personal information as set out here: [https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/privacy-information/data-protection/privacy-
notices/](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/privacy-information/data-protection/privacy-
notices/) or for the administration of the Competition as set out herein.
17. The Competition and Rules will be governed by English Law and any dispute will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.
18. UoM reserves the right to change any aspect of the Rules at such notice. Such changes will be posted on the UoM Competition website as soon as is practicable.
19. Submission of an entry will be deemed to imply unqualified acceptance of the Competition's Rules. In the event of any dispute regarding these Rules or any other matter relating to the Competition, the decision of UoM shall be final and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into.

Judging and selection

20. A judging panel will select a short-list of entries and, from that list, select the winners. The judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence about their decisions will be entered into.
21. UoM reserves the right to change the panel of judges without notice.
22. The judges reserve the right not to award the prizes, if, in their opinion, such action is justified for any reason.
23. Subject to clause 22, winners will be notified by May 27, 2022. A prize will be awarded for the winner of each year group (Yrs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13). A runner-up prize will also be awarded in each of those categories. At the discretion of the judges, highly commended entries may also be selected.

Copyright and Permissions

24. The entrant will retain the copyright ownership of the letter or speech they submit to the Competition. However, by submitting the piece to the Competition, the entrant is deemed to grant to UoM a non-exclusive worldwide licence over the letter or speech on a continuous basis and agrees that UoM may reproduce it, in full or abridged form, in or on: (a) printed UoM publications and journals; (b) UoM websites, online resources and other electronic forms; (c) public displays, including exhibitions and murals in UoM buildings and elsewhere; and (d) any other media. There will be no time limit on use of the entrant's essay by UoM.
25. The entrant agrees that the UoM has the right to use their full name and school for the purpose of identifying them as the author of their entry.
26. The entrant agrees that, if they are a competition winner, they will grant permission to the UoM to be photographed while in or on the UoM premises, and for such photographs to be used on the same basis and for the same purposes as outlined in clause 24.
27. Judging will be based on the written entry alone, but after winners have been notified, they will be invited to submit a recording of themselves reading their letter or delivering their speech. Submitting a recording is entirely optional and will not influence the judges' previous decision. By submitting a recording, the winner grants permission for the recording to be used on the same basis and for the same purposes as outlined in clause 24.
28. Upon being notified of their award, winners under 18 years of age must provide additional parental permission for the terms set out in clauses 25, 26 and 27.

Prizes

29. The HCRI Schools Writing Competition 2021/22 will award the following prizes: One winner and one runner-up will be selected for each year group (Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13).
30. The prizes are: First prize = £50 Blackwells Vouchers, runner-up prize: £30 Blackwells vouchers.
31. The prizes are not negotiable or transferable and UoM reserves the right to substitute the prize with a prize of equal or greater value.
32. UoM will make all reasonable efforts to contact the winners. If a winner cannot be contacted or is not available, or has not claimed the prize within 21 of days of being contacted by UoM, UoM reserves the right to offer the prize to the next eligible entrant selected from the entries.
33. UoM does not accept any responsibility if winners are not able to take up their prize.

Contact

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